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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the May 21, 2002, Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the Response is due on or before November 21, 2002. A check in the amount of \$460.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

No additional fees are believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 21486-026CIP).

Respectfully submitted,

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